

Amendment No. 2 to HB0901

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1227

House Bill No. 901*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-197, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (f):

(f)

(1) The bureau of TennCare shall promulgate rules to promote the safe and responsible coverage of opioids for TennCare members who have the TennCare pharmacy benefit. The rules must, at a minimum, address prior authorization requirements for opioid prescriptions, as determined by the bureau, to reduce the development of opioid dependency and addiction. For women of child-bearing age, when prior authorization is required for an opioid prescription, the rules must require the provider to submit information regarding pregnancy status, contraceptive use, and the provision of counseling regarding the risks of becoming pregnant while receiving opioid medication. The information regarding pregnancy status and contraceptive use may, when appropriate, be based on self-reporting by the patient.

(2) The rules required by this subsection (f) shall be promulgated pursuant to the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5. On or before January 1, 2019, the bureau shall report to both the health and welfare committee of the senate and the health committee of the house of representatives regarding the status of the rules required by this subsection (f).

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SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring
it.